the Merchants made further enormous contribu-
tions towards his military expenses. Dr, Sun
left for the "front" on September 13, entrusting
further negotiations with the merchants to his
subordinates. What happened subsequently is thus
described in the *China Year Book* for 1925, in a
Chapter which the Editor attributes to Dr. V. K.
Ting:—

> "In the beginning of October when Sun Yat-sen went to
> Shaokuan to direct in person his Punitive "Expedition against
> the North, General I<i Pu-ling (14 Puk-lam) arranged for
> the release of the arms under certain conditions. This was
> carried out on the loth of October. Just as the Merchant
> Volunteers were unloading the arms, the labour Unions and
> the Students* Corps, Bolshevik organizations instituted by
> Sun Yat-sen, marched past on parade. Some misunder-
> standing arose between these and the Merchant Volunteers,
> and a fight resulted in which many of the labourers were
> killed and wounded. Moreover the Merchant Volunteers
> found that only one half of the arms and one-tenth of the
> ammunition were delivered to them by I/i Fueling, and there-
> fore refused to call ofi the strike, as agreed. Bach side then
> accused the other of bad faith. Op the 12th of October Sun,
> Yat-sen sent back from Shaokuan his bodyguard under General
> Wu Tieh-ch'eng. On the i4th the Canton Government
> issued proclamations to reorganize the Volunteers. The
> latter then concentrated their forces at Saikuan preparing
> for self-defence. In the afternoon of October 14 the Com-
> bined forces of Wu Tieh-ch'eng, Li Pu-ling and Hsu Chung-
> tze attacked the Merchant Volunteers, using heavy artillery
> in the most thickly populated part of the City. Fire soon
> broke out and more than 400 houses were burnt down. The
> Volunteers, less than 2,000 strong, were defeated and dis-
> persed, and many non-combatants were killed and wounded.
> The mercenaries also did a considerable amount of looting.
> When the fight was over the Volunteers throughout the
> Province were disarmed, the Merchant Volunteers in the

City were each fined 100 dollars, and the shops were forced to open their doors. The struggle between the propertied citizens and the revolutionary Government ended in the complete failure of the former."

But it made Dr. Sun's continued residence in Canton impossible, Cantonese abroad, in other